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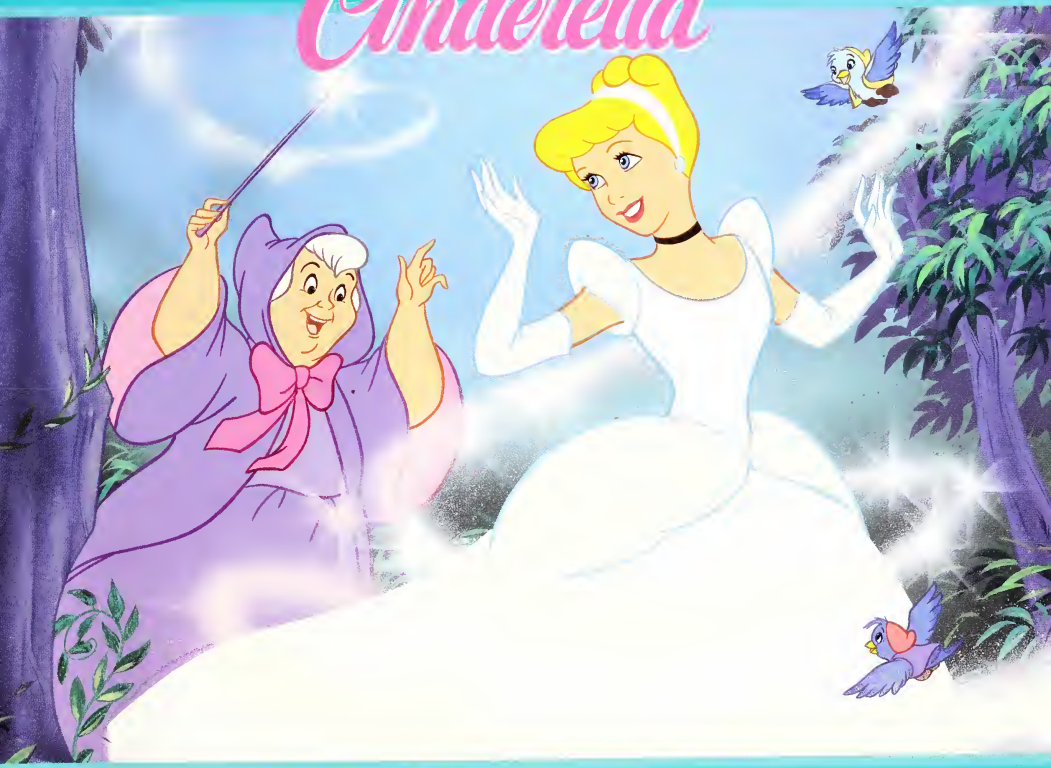

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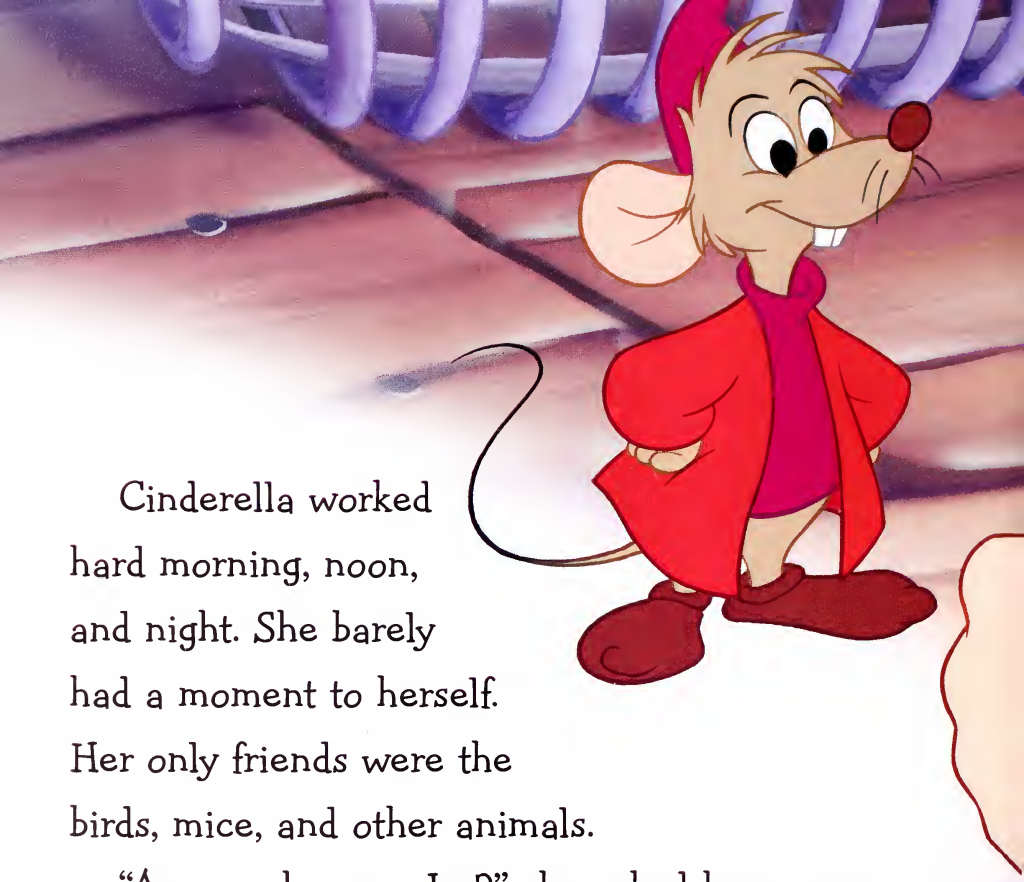
Once upon a time there lived a lovely young girl named Cinderella. She was beautiful and smart, but most importantly, she was kind.

Cinderella lived with a stepmother and stepsisters who were not kind. They treated her badly and ordered her around all day long.

"Fix my tea, Cinderella," yelled Anastasia.

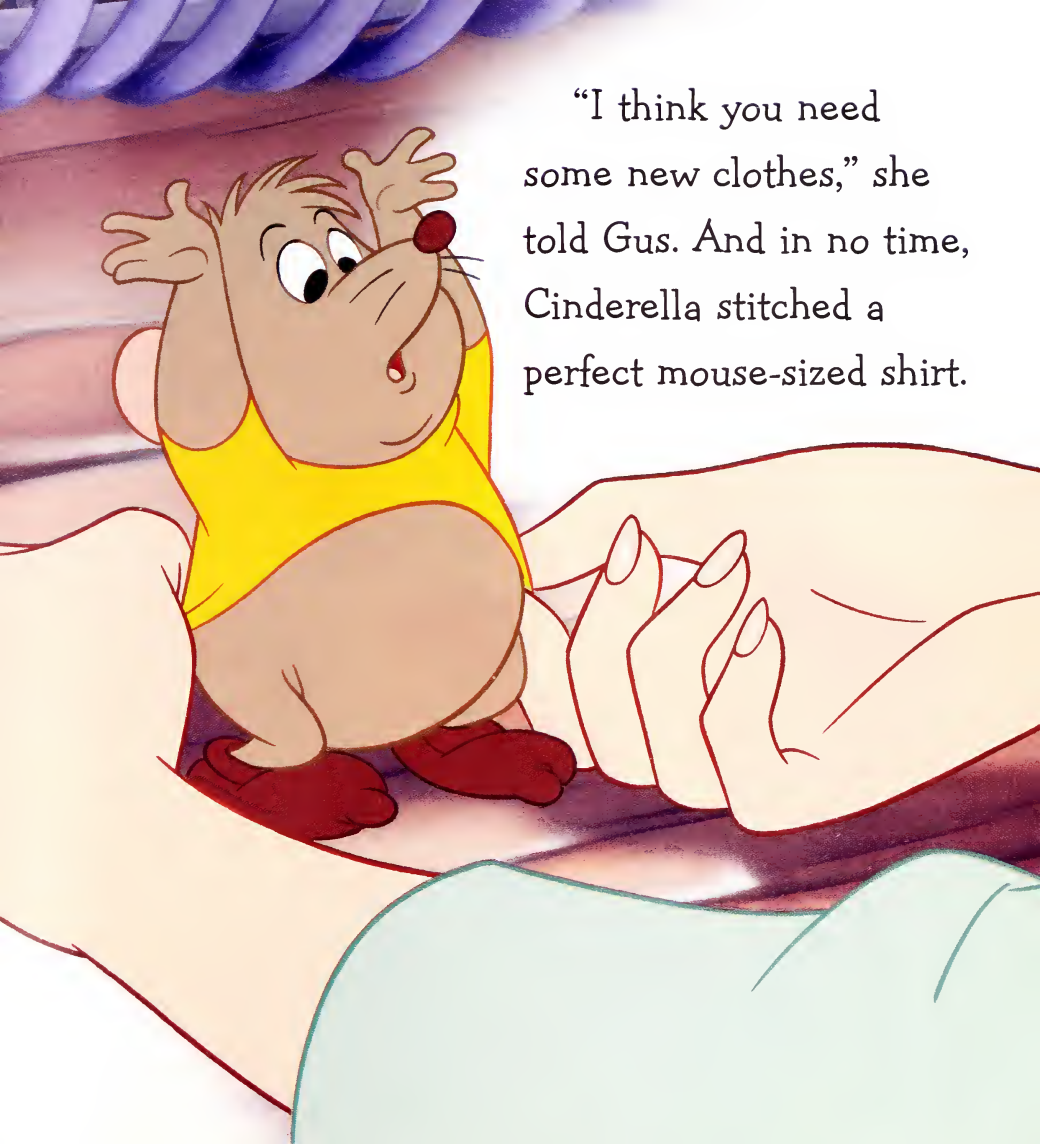
"Iron my dress, Cinderella," bossed Drizella.

"Scrub the dishes, Cinderella," demanded the Stepmother.



Cinderella worked hard morning, noon, and night. She barely had a moment to herself. Her only friends were the birds, mice, and other animals.

"Are you hungry, Jaq?" she asked her mouse friend. Cinderella always made sure there was enough food for the animals.



"I think you need some new clothes," she told Gus. And in no time, Cinderella stitched a perfect mouse-sized shirt.

One day a letter arrived from the King.
It was an invitation to the Prince's royal ball.

"I think the Prince will fall in love with me,"
squealed Drizella.

"No, I know he'll fall in love with me,"
whined Anastasia.

Cinderella was excited! She could not wait to go to the ball, too.

Her stepsisters laughed at the idea.

"Dirty old Cinderella at the ball?" they said. "Can you imagine? That's the funniest thing we've ever heard!"

Cinderella's stepmother said she could go to the ball if she finished her chores. So Cinderella worked very hard. She swept the floors, dusted the shelves, and washed the cat. But her mean stepsisters ordered her around more than ever.

"Find my shoes!" Anastasia shouted.

"Hem my gown!" Drizella demanded.

By the time Cinderella finished her work, she was exhausted. How would she ever be able to make her own gown?

When Cinderella returned to her room, the birds and mice had a wonderful surprise. They had sewn a beautiful gown for her to wear to the ball!

"It's wonderful!" smiled Cinderella, hugging the dress and twirling in delight. She couldn't wait to put it on.

Jaq, Gus, and the other animals felt happy. Cinderella had always been so kind to them, it felt good to do something kind for her.

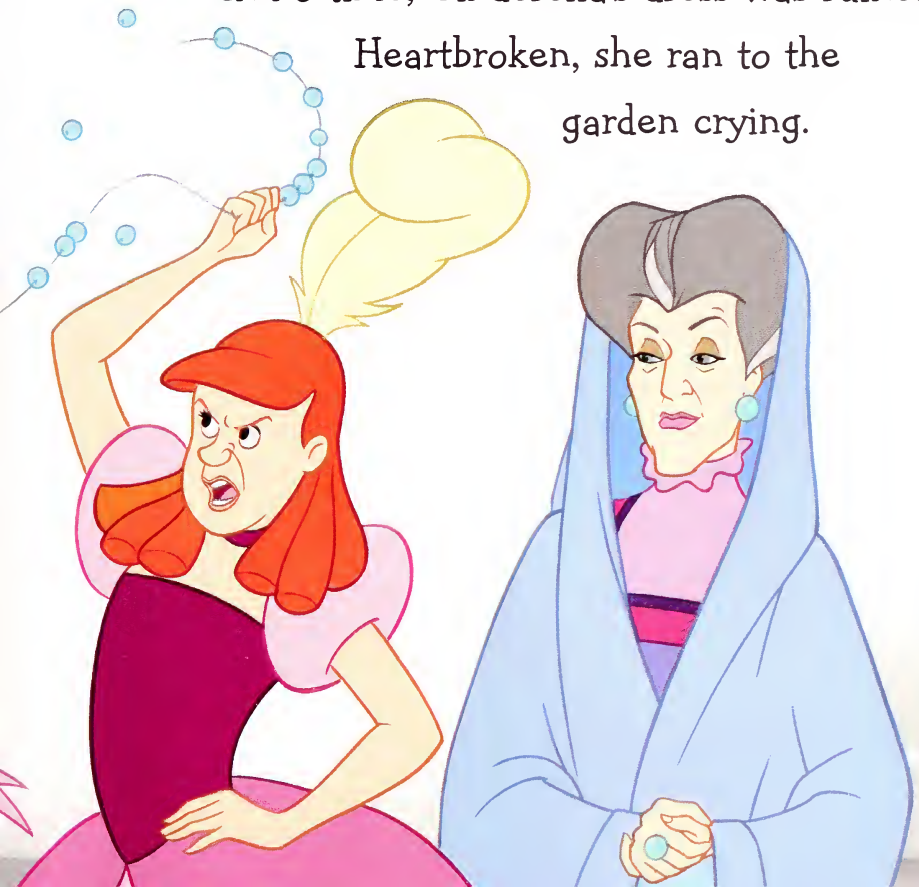
"Wait for me," Cinderella called to her stepmother. "I'm coming to the ball, too."

The stepsisters took one look at Cinderella and grew jealous. Anastasia said the beads belonged to her, and yanked them from Cinderella's neck.

Drizella said the sash belonged to her, and she tugged it off Cinderella's waist.

In no time, Cinderella's dress was ruined.

Heartbroken, she ran to the garden crying.



Suddenly, Cinderella's Fairy Godmother appeared. "My dear, you cannot go to the ball like that," she said gently.

Poof! The Fairy Godmother turned Cinderella's rags into a beautiful gown, and placed delicate glass slippers on Cinderella's feet.

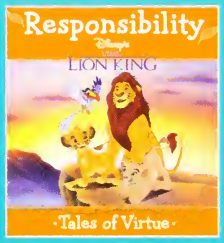
Just like the mice and birds, the Fairy Godmother could see how truly kind Cinderella was.

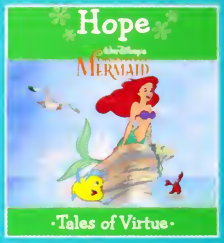
And they weren't the only ones. Later that night, someone else would see, too . . . the Prince!

Kindness

Kindness means being thoughtful and helpful to others. Although Cinderella's stepmother and stepsisters treated her very badly, Cinderella was kind to everyone ... even the little mice. Cinderella never expected anything in return for her kindness, but her friends and Fairy Godmother were quick to help her when she needed it. They wanted Cinderella to feel as good about herself as she, through her loving nature, always made them feel.

Learn about values and virtues with your favorite Disney friends!





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